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1. The visit of the Soviet foreign minister to Berlin in January 1952 has been confirmed by two different sources.

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[REDACTED] stated that the Neue Zeitung of 25 January 1952 and the Steglitzer Anzeiger of the same date reported the arrival of Vishinsky at Schoenefeld airfield. Photographs of the foreign minister's landing were published in the press.

[REDACTED] reported Vishinsky's arrival on 23 January 1952. The visit came as a complete surprise without any advance notice. Suddenly demands were made for various types of information in the shortest possible time which caused all sections of the Central Committee to work overtime on specific requests. Apparently the conversations with Vishinsky were limited to a very small number of persons for only the highest officials of the Soviet Control Commission, Walter Ulbricht, Wilhelm Pieck and Franz Dählem were present. The meeting began about 9:00 P.M. and continued into the night. Source assumes Vishinsky's visit was a short one since no further demands were made of the staff.

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